

Q. Write a précis of the following passage and also suggest a suitable title: (20)

One night a holy man, Abu Ben Adhem by name, suddenly woke up from a deep dream of peace and saw in his moonlit room an angel writing something in a book of gold. He did not feel at all frightened. The peaceful face of the angel made Abu bold and he said to the angel, "What are you writing?" The angel looked up and replied in a kind and sweet tone, "I am taking down the names of those who love God." "And is my name one among them?" Asked Abu. But the angel replied, "No, it is not." "I pray thee then," said Abu, "To write me down as one who loves his fellowmen." The Angel wrote and vanished. The next night the angel came again with a great light which awaked Abu Ben Adhem: and he showed Abu the names of those who had been blessed by the love of God. And behold! The name of Abu was at-the top of the list.

Abu Ben Adhem, a pious man, ~~rose~~
~~from a dream and found~~ an angel writing
on a golden book. He inquired about the writing
without being feared. To which angel answered
softly that he was recording the ones who are
devoted to God. Abu questioned if his name ^{was}
in the list, to which angel responded ^{ed} in
negative. Abu requested the angel to be
recorded as the one who loves humanity.
The angel reappeared ~~next~~ following
night and presented the list of the
ones who are loved by God. To Adhem's
surprise, he topped the list. (99)

Title: Abu Ben Adhem and his wish

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